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Accepting Russ Promises 'Could Mean Disaster'

Editorial: Recent resolutions of the California Democratic Council conflict with the best interests of the United States and should be re-evaluated by the Democratic party.

It is necessary that we leave the unmistakable impression with Communist Russia that we will defend our nation and the lives of our citizens in event of nuclear attack.

Because of the preponderantly urban population, we would suffer most in a nuclear attack on our major cities. To abandon civil defense and to accept Russian promises to do likewise would obviously invite disaster.

Peace is maintained from a position of strength, it is never achieved by agreements on paper with nations of doubtful integrity.

The House Un-American Activities Committee is as much an arm of our defense against subversion as the Central Intelligence Agency. Even at the risk of overzealous politicians, it is on the whole necessary and should be fully operative, now more than ever.

We can and should distinguish between issues on which all Democrats

and Republicans must stand united, and internal economic issues where there may be a difference of opinion and party policy.

It is not too late to clarify these issues. In the interest of our nation, the vital considerations of our policy in areas of defense and subversive activity should be defined on a bipartisan basis.

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